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HOUSE O' MACS GARDENS

211 North Washington

ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

We hybridize because we enjoy it
and sell to pay for our fun.

Our Specialty

LOUISIANA NATIVE IRISES

The Runner-Up

DAY LILIES

1953 IRIS LIST



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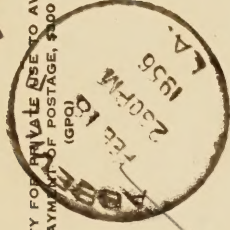
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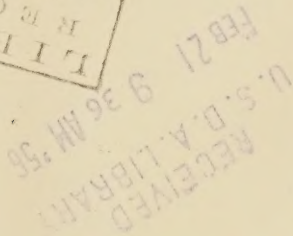
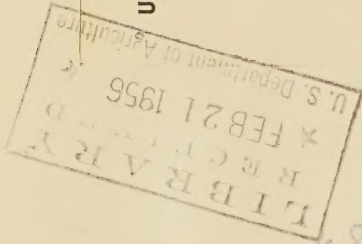
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We are planning to issue a new list of La. Native iris and day lilies in a month or two and will mail one to you.

SEASON 1953 IRIS LIST

FOREWORD

My Garden

A Garden is a lovesome thing, God wot!
Rose plot,
Fringed pool,
Ferned grot—
The veriest school
Of peace; and yet the fool
Contentds that God is not—
Not God! in gardens! when the eve is cool!
Nay, but I have a sign;
'Tis very sure God walks in mine.

—T. E. Brown

Registered "Light/Hearted"

INTRODUCTIONS

"But still inspired and driven,
Must seek what better may be"
—Bliss Carman

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| PURPLE WONDER (Reg. pending). Giant plant and bloom, darkest and richest purple, line gold crest. | \$10.00 |
| SILVER EDGE (MacMillan, Reg. pending). 6" copper shaded purple with silver edge, unusually fine flaring form. | 2.50 |
| STRUTTING CANARY (MacMillan, Reg. pending). Our best seedling of '51, broad, flaring floral parts of bright canary color, a sensation in '52 show. | \$15.00 |
| SURPRISE PINK (MacMillan, Reg. pending). '52 seedling an artist guest described as "surprise pink", his favorite shade, and the name stuck. | \$ 3.00 |
| WARM LIGHT (MacMillan seedling '51, Reg. pending). Warm, rich yellow, upright carriage. | \$ 5.00 |
| WHIPPED CREAM (MacMillan seedling '51, Reg. pending). Large, light cream with a sunlight glow caught in style arms. | \$ 6.00 |
| "Whistle Bait" (MacMillan Reg. pending). Startling development from Autumn Lights, predominantly yellow with sharply contrasting violet radiations, medium size, good carriage—merits a "wolf whistle". | 5.00 |
| | \$10.00 |

WHITES

"White faces kind with pardon" —Neihardt

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| ANGEL WINGS (Viosca, '35). Large white, yellow crest, good substance. | \$ 1.00 |
| BARBARA ELAINE TAYLOR (Taylor, '52). In our opinion, the best white yet, S.L.I. Show Award '52, 6", wonderful substance with ivory glow when first open. | 5.00 |
| SYRINGA (Ours). Large pure white, 6-7" bloom with chartreuse crest. | \$10.00 |
| | \$ 1.00 |

BLUE TONES

"A mist of blue in the beds" —Locker

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| ALL FALLS (Richard). Unique blue foliosa with six overlapping petals, no sepals. | \$ 2.00 |
| ARABI BLUE (Shehee). Softest blue, rare in flowers. | \$ 2.00 |
| BLUE SUNSET (Reg. pending). 6" Clematis blue, radiating gray signal, broad floral parts. | \$ 2.00 |
| FOXGLOVE BLUE (Ours). Early blooming, Foxglove color, large, erect form. | \$ 1.00 |
| RUTH MARSAIS (Debailion-Dormon, '43). Large, unique shade of soft blue, crested. | \$ 1.00 |

LAVENDER TO PURPLE

"For myself I love a splendid
place of purple iris"—
adapted from A. E. Waite

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| ACCENTS DARK (Our seedling). 6", wild aster color, flaring form. | 2.00 |
| BILLY MAC (MacMillan, '49). Bright velvety purple, golden radiating crest. | \$ 3.00 |
| DANTE'S CANDLE (MacMillan, Reg. pending). Bloom bud resembles a black candle, 6¼" bloom, velvety blackish purple. | \$ 7.50 |
| DAVID FISCHER (Fischer, '43). Large, white and orchid blend, crested. | \$ 1.00 |
| EASTER BASKET (Dorman, C., '47). Large, veined fuschia | \$ 1.00 |
| ELIZABETH THE QUEEN (Nelson). Tall, gray lavender, yellow crest. | 2.50 |
| JOE MAC (Richard-MacMillan, '49). 6", velvety purple self, perfect giganti form, strong grower. | \$ 1.00 |
| LINDA LEACH (MacMillan, '49). S.L.I. Show Award '50, 7", graceful "wild orchid" bloom. | 2.50 |
| MIDSHIPMAN (Richard, '50). S.L.I. Show Award '49, large wisteria violet flower of flaring form with signal patch of bright yellow outlined red violet. | 9.50 |
| OPAL DUSK (Debailion-Dormon). Gracefully formed flower reflecting opal lights. | \$ 1.00 |
| PURPLE SUNSET (Ours). Like Bayou Sunset except it has coppery purple base instead of rose. | 2.00 |
| RHUMBA (Shehee-Dormon, '46). Cream with deep orchid veining. | \$ 1.00 |
| VIOLET RAY (Dormon, C., '49). Gorgeous 6½", pansy purple bloom with striking cream rays. | 5.00 |
| | \$ 7.50 |

PINK TO MAGENTA

"Who filled thy countenance with rosy light?"—Coleridge

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| ANGEL FARE (Mathews). One of the purest pinks yet, gracefully curving form. | \$ 7.50 |
| BAYOU SUNSET (MacMillan, '45). S.L.I. Show Award '44, M.S.D. Award '49, popularity award '52, 8" bloom, soft rose with radiating golden glow signal. | \$ 2.00 |
| MRS. CAMMIE HENRY (Henry, '42). 6" smooth rose, horizontal form. | \$ 1.00 |
| LITTLE SUNSET (Reg. pending). Similar to Bayou Sunset, smaller but darker rose. | \$ 1.50 |
| LOCKETT'S LUCK (Duval-Jestremski, '47). S.L.I. Show Award '48, large, flesh pink, diamond shaped golden signal patch with maroon outline. | 2.50 |
| LOUISIANA DAWN (Dormon, '43). Earliest bloomer, deep cream base brushed with colors of dawn. | \$ 1.00 |
| NEW ORLEANS (Debailion, '42). S.L.I. Show Award '45, 8" brilliant rose pink. | \$ 1.00 |
| PEGGY MAC (MacMillan, '43). Magenta rose, flat overlapping form, ideal for hybridizing. | \$ 2.00 |
| TANTALIZING (Debailion). Unique metallic sheen over coppery rose. | \$ 1.00 |
| TWO-TONED ROSE (Ours). Blending shades of rose, tall, strong grower. | \$ 1.00 |

RED TO TERRA COTTA

"Hail ample presence of a queen,
Bountiful, beautiful, apparell'd gay"
—Tennyson

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| BAYOU VERMILION (MacMillan, '43). Crimson Abbeville red. | \$ 2.00 |
| CADDO (Trichel, '50). M.S.D. Award '50, bright red bronze, broad gold crest. | 2.00 |
| CHERRY BOUNCE (Nelson, '46). M.S.D. Award '51, bright flaring wild cherry color. | \$ 3.50 |
| ETHIOPIA (MacMillan-Debailion). Fine natural Abbeville red x foliosa, producing a super Abbeville red. | \$ 4.00 |
| HOMAHOUA — Choctaw for "Beloved Red" (MacMillan, '43). Brilliant dark velvety red fulva foliosa natural cross. | \$ 7.50 |
| ROYAL GEM (Smith, S., '50). A.I.S. President's Cup Award, large, erect, red-violet, bright gold signal patch. | \$ 5.00 |
| SIGNAL FLASH (Ours). A flashing signet color, veined darker | \$ 1.00 |

YELLOW TO BUFF TO BROWN

"... the Spring's own gold
Glowing burning bright in each illumined cup"—
—Watson

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| ABBEVILLE YELLOW — Good collected native yellows. | \$ 1.00 |
| KING'S GOLD (Nelson, '46). Autumn yellow, golden crest. | \$ 3.00 |
| KRAEMER'S YELLOW (Kraemer, '43). Sulphur yellow, erect carriage. | 2.50 |
| MEILING (MacMillan, '43). Selected Abbeville yellow. | \$ 2.00 |
| SUNNY (Smith, S., '50). Bright yellow, does not fade or droop. | \$ 2.00 |
| YELLOW GIGANTI (Ours). Deeper shade of yellow than Kraemer's when first open and larger bloom. | \$ 2.00 |

COMBINATIONS

"Change your hues, now red, now pale, as lovers use"—
—Ben Jonson

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| APRIL MOON (MacMillan, '45). White base, yellow overlay, flecked with blue pigment, small but charming. | \$ 1.00 |
| AUTUMN LIGHTS (MacMillan, '47). A flashing mixture, violet to red on gold background. | \$ 2.00 |
| MARY DEBAILION (Dormon, C., '42). M.S.D. Award '48, 7", orchid pink bi-tone, splashed purple. | \$ 1.00 |
| SKYFLECK (Gosselin, '45). White, blue-flecked plicata on tips of floral parts. | \$2.50 |

SOME FINE OLD FAVORITES REDUCED BECAUSE PLENTIFUL

"And shortly grew into so great quantitie"—Spencer

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| ABBEVILLE RED — Good collected native reds. | \$.50 |
| CAJUN JOYEUSE (Thomas, '43). Rose pink with a lot of gold. | \$.50 |
| CAROLINE'S BIG LAVENDER (Dormon, C.). Bright lavender, good form. | \$.50 |
| CHAMPAGNE (Nic, '38). Graceful, champagne colored bloom. | \$.50 |
| CREPED LAVENDER (Ours). Crisp, creped and mottled lavender. | \$.50 |
| EDITH DUPRE (Arceneaux, '45). Rose and yellow blend, early. | \$.75 |
| GREYNA (Debailion, '42). 6-½" deepest violet blue, crested. | \$.50 |
| HAILE SELASSIE (MacMillan, '43). Dark velvety red purple. | \$.75 |
| MARINGOUIN PINK (Our name). Pleasing pink bloom of graceful, erect form. | \$.50 |
| PANSY BLUE (Ours). Large, pansy blue, good carriage. | \$.50 |
| PURPLE AND GOLD (Our Name). Large bloom of brilliant purple with gold radiating signal patch. | \$.50 |
| WHITE FOLIOSA — purest white, fine for border planting. | \$.75 |
| WILD VIOLET (Ours). Makes one think of woods and wild violets, good bloomer. | \$.50 |

TERMS

Payment with order. Transportation on all orders over \$5.00 will be prepaid. Please do not request smaller orders. You are more apt to get bloom the following season when you take delivery during July and August when rhizomes are dormant. Orders accepted subject to stock on hand. It will help if you specify acceptable substitutions; otherwise, none will be made. Our only guarantee is healthy plants true to name.

BARGAIN OFFERS

To save time in digging and shipping and to assist you in making selections, we make several bargain offers as follows:

First Offer:

To swell your garden collections, we will select 15 good irises, each different in color or form, that will make a delightful show at bloom time—ALL FOR \$5.00.

Second Offer:

1953 "Louisiana Purchase" Group
\$10.00 value for \$7.50

| 1st Selection | 2nd Selection (Choose two) | 3rd Selection (Choose Three) |
|---------------|---|--|
| Bayou Sunset | Billy Mac Rhumba Joe Mac Syringa | Yellow Giganti Sunny Accents Dark Peggy Mac Blue Sunset Autumn Lights |

Third Offer:

A Collection of Real Beauties

~~\$29.50~~ value for ~~\$20.00~~

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| Barbara Elaine Taylor | Royal Gem | Bayou Sunset |
| Dante's Candle | Sunny | Linda Leach |

Fourth Offer

Six S.L.I. Show Winners

~~\$23.00~~ value for ~~\$18.00~~

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| Barbara Elaine Taylor | —'52 | Lockett's Luck | —'48 |
| Linda Leach | —'50 | New Orleans | —'45 |
| Midshipman | —'49 | Bayou Sunset | —'44 |

Fifth Offer:

All Five of Mary Swords Debaillon Award Winners

~~\$15.00~~ value for \$10.00

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| Mary S. Debaillon | —'48 | Caddo | —'50 |
| Bayou Sunset | —'49 | Cherry Bounce | —'51 |
| | Royal Gem | —'52 | |

ABOUT OUR DAY LILIES

Though we pollinate and grow seedlings in thousands and propagate only those that seem to us to be worthy, we have not yet found time to register even our pets. You can therefore find real bargains by visiting our gardens from mid-April through July. We have them in all shades of yellow and red to purple with tones of pink and lavender, and in all sizes and forms from dwarf to those with bloom stalks six feet tall.

OTHER AVAILABLE ITEMS .30

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| LYCORIS RADIATA — Red Spider Lilies | 20 for \$1.00 |
| LYCORIS AUREA (big yellows) — 50 cents each | 25 for \$10.00 |
| ZEPHYRANTHES — "Fairy Lily" — Candida white | 100 for \$1.00 |
| ZEPHYRANTHES — "Fairy Lily" — Carinata Rose | — |
| | 12 for 75 cents — 100 for \$5.00 |
| ZEPHYRANTHES — "Fairy Lily" — Texana yellow | — |
| | 12 for 75 cents — 100 for \$5.00 |
| MARICA — Northiana (walking Iris) | 35 cents each |
| ARISTEA — Blue | 50 cents |
| WATSONIAS — Pink orchid color | 25 cents each |

} 6 for 1.00

"Come see us"

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. MacMillan

"Peggy Mac and Mac"